

mental health counselors in all of the high schools. We passed that on a bipartisan basis. We passed it with Democrats and Republicans. It was signed into law by a Republican Governor who became a Republican Senator. Not one Republican who voted for that law to make kids safe in school lost their reelection, not one.

I am going to read the names into the RECORD, Mr. Speaker, and then I am going to use the rest of my time to take a moment of silence for the victims:

Alyssa Alhadeff, Martin Duque Anguiano, Scott Beigel, Nicholas Dworet, Aaron Feis, Jaime Guttenberg, Chris Hixon, Luke Hoyer, Cara Loughran, Gina Montalto, Joaquin Oliver, Alaina Petty, Meadow Pollack, Helena Ramsay, Carmen Schentrup, Alex Schachter, and Peter Wang.

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 35 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. KIM of California) at noon.

#### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Our help is in the name of the Lord who made Heaven and Earth. We call upon Your holy name, O God, that You would hear our prayers in Heaven and attend to our needs here on Earth.

There are wars and rumors of wars overwhelming our news feed, including the ongoing conflict in places like Ukraine and South Sudan. Nations rise up against nation and our hearts sink at the sight of the injustice and unrelenting warfare. We call upon Your righteous name, O God, that You would hear our prayers in Heaven and bring peace and justice to our world.

We are horrified by the earthquakes' merciless devastation in Turkey and Syria, and deeply saddened by the unprecedented famine in other regions across the globe. We call upon Your powerful name, O God, that You would hear our prayers in Heaven and be merciful to Your people. Rescue them from this time of tribulation and in Your grace provide for them in their dire need.

We confess that in our own families and communities and in this country, we seem to have turned from our faith in You and have betrayed one another in countless ways. Lawlessness has in-

creased and our love for You and our fellow human beings seems to have grown cold. We call upon Your merciful name, O God, that You would hear our prayers in Heaven and heal our land.

May the gospel of Your sovereignty serve as a testimony to us and to all Nations that, once again, we would call upon Your name.

Amen.

#### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House the approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1 of rule I, the Journal stands approved.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. LEE of Florida) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. LEE of Florida led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

#### STATE OF THE UNION RESPONSE

(Mr. ALFORD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. ALFORD. Madam Speaker, I rise today in response to the President's State of the Union Address.

While the state of the Union was the focus last night, today, I am more concerned about the state of the President.

Just hours ago, the President of the United States stood in this very room right behind me and told one of the greatest tales that I have seen in modern history, attempting to tout optimism, curbed inflation, and a secure nation.

However, this failing, flailing, incompetent chief executive ran from the fact that he welcomed more than 4 million illegal aliens into our sovereign Nation, he reversed our energy independence, he let the Chinese spy balloon float entirely over our Nation with impunity, flying over Whiteman Air Force Base, home of the B-2 Stealth bomber.

The state of our Union is strong. The state of our President is weak.

We don't need more yelling, Mr. President. We need more healing in America.

Some 40 years ago, President Ronald Reagan said, It is time for us to re-

assert our trust in God. It is time for us to realize that we need Him more than He needs us. It is time to turn to God for the healing of America. Let's get about the business of healing America.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

#### AFFORDABLE AND ACCESSIBLE CHILDCARE

(Ms. JACOBS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACOBS. Madam Speaker, as a 34-year-old woman, I can tell you that affordable and accessible childcare is a top priority for my generation, but the problem isn't that millennials can't budget or that we are eating too much avocado toast; it is that the cost of childcare has skyrocketed, if you can even find it.

In San Diego, the average annual cost for childcare for one infant in a licensed center is more than \$19,000, which is out of reach for most middle- and low-income families.

And it is not any easier for providers who are in one of the lowest paid professions in the country and struggle to make ends meet and keep their doors open.

The free market hasn't fixed the childcare crisis, and small or temporary fixes just aren't good enough.

That is why I am proud to introduce the Child Care for Every Community Act today with Senator ELIZABETH WARREN and Congresswoman MIKIE SHERRILL.

Our bicameral legislation would guarantee access to childcare that is affordable for every family, and it would support childcare workers in their incredibly important work.

We need big, wholesale changes to our social safety net to support kids and families starting with the Child Care for Every Community Act.

#### EUGENE HENLEBEN'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

(Mr. MILLS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MILLS. Madam Speaker, I come to the floor today to talk about a very special constituent from Florida's Seventh Congressional District.

Eugene Henleben was born in St. Louis 100 years ago on February 7. He served our great Nation on a PT boat during the Second World War and on an aircraft carrier in the Korean war.

After the war, Eugene moved to Chicago where he met his beautiful wife. They married in 1950 and had three children they raised in Glenview, Illinois.

He spent most of his civilian career working as an engineer, and in 1992, he moved to the great city of Longwood, Florida, where he has lived ever since.